

TEMPLAR PRIZE DRILL

Colorado, St. Bernard, Golden Gate and Hannsleman the Winners.

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Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27.—The 25th triennial convocation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars began here Tuesday.

It is estimated that 40,000 Sir Knights were in line when the big parade moved at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday headed by Maj. John H. Leathers, the grand marshal.

This pageant extended over a route of four miles, and was the crowning glory of the convocation. Knights templars from nearly every nook and cranny of the country, including even Honolulu, were in line.

The course of the parade was a fluttering show of bunting, flags and streamers, and nearly every one of them presented to the marchers some sign of welcome.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 28.—The key to the city was formally turned over to the Knights Templar by Mayor Weaver Tuesday afternoon.

When the formal welcome to the knights was extended by Judge Barker, of Louisville, acting for Gov. Beckham, and ex-Congressman W. C. P. Breckinridge, the mention of his name elicited applause.

Col. Breckinridge delivered the chief address at this function. Grand Master Lloyd responded briefly. It was so late when the programme was completed that there was little time for the actual business of the grand encampment. Grand Recorder May discovered that there was a quorum present, spread the fact on the record and took a recess till Thursday.

Fireworks, excursions on the river, and other diversions occupied the visitors Tuesday night. The following commanderies held receptions: Kentucky Grand Commandery, Chevalier Bayard, No. 52, of Chicago; Pittsburg, No. 1; Grand Commandery of Kansas; Wheeling, No. 1, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, and the Denver Commandery.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 29.—Colorado Commandery No. 1, of Denver, before an admiring throng of 18,000 people and under the critical eyes of a board of judges composed of three regular army officers and a representative of the Knights Templar, Wednesday captured first prize in the competition drill teams from commanderies of the knights. St. Bernard No. 35, the favorite with the majority of spectators, captured second place, while Golden Gate No. 16, of San Francisco, and Hannsleman No. 16, of Cincinnati came in for third and fourth prizes respectively. California Commandery No. 1, being the only mounted command, had no difficulty in capturing the trophy for the best appearance and drill on horseback. The other contestants were Columbia Commandery No. 2, of Washington, D. C., and Allegheny No. 35, of Pittsburg. Calvary No. 3, of Parkersburg, W. Va., failed to appear at the appointed hour, and hence did not compete.

The drill was the feature of the day. Interest was intensified by the fact that it was the first since 1883, when Louisville carried off first honors. The contest took place on Churchill Downs, the home of the Louisville Jockey club.

Not one of the commanderies went through the ordeal without mistakes, which were evident to the crowd, but as honors seemed about even in this respect everybody, except the judges, was in complete ignorance as to the winners until Wednesday night, when the awards were made known before an immense throng in the horse show building.

At 8 p. m., in the horse show building, brilliantly lighted, and a magnificent spectacle, with its rows upon rows of seats occupied by uniformed knights and their ladies, the programme leading up to the award of prizes was begun. There were instrumental music and exhibition drills by the commanderies which were awaiting the verdict of the board of judges. When this was read, the commanderies took positions according to their standing in the awards.

A score of handsome Kentucky belles, acting as sponsors, presented the prizes. This over, the contestants and their sponsors led a grand march, after which dancing began.

The trophies were of silver, and were as follows: First prize, 34 pieces, valued at \$3,000; second prize, 25 pieces, libation set, valued at \$2,000; third prize, center piece, valued at \$1,300; fourth prize, two pieces (mounted), valued at \$900.

The prize for the mounted drill was a huge silver loving cup, valued at \$600. The judges were Capt. A. S. Fleming, artillery, U. S. A.; Lieut. Fred De Funiak, 22d infantry, U. S. A.; Capt. Charles Suret, artillery, U. S. A.; and Maj. C. S. Ammel, a templar officer of Columbus, O.

Shot and Fatally Wounded. Branchville, S. C., Aug. 27.—Because Tom Watson testified against Bartow Warren at the trial of the latter for an express robbery which occurred in 1899, Warren shot Watson Monday, fatally wounding him. Warren is still at large.

Will Expel the Mormon. Vienna, Aug. 27.—Matthew Hackey, a Mormon missionary from Salt Lake City, has been arrested at Teinsvar, Hungary, for seeking to make converts. He will be expelled from the country.

TARGET PRACTICE.

North Atlantic Squadron Will Engage in a New System of Gunnery at Hampton Roads.

Washington, Aug. 28.—When the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron arrive at Hampton Roads from Newport Wednesday they will engage in a new system of gunnery practice, prescribed in recent special orders from the navy department. The new gunnery instruction will take the place of two sea practices, and when a ship has gone through with the newly authorized gun drill, has had one record practice and four sea practices, her work in this line will hereafter be considered complete.

The entire drill will consume the greater part of a month, and will include small arms target practice for all hands, sub-caliber practice, in which, at 500 yards, with the ship under way, ten shots will be fired at a target from each class of gun, and preliminary practice at 1,000 yards by guns of 45-caliber and 1-pounders. The most important trial of marksmanship, and one which will hereafter determine the fighting worth of ships, is known as "fighting efficiency practice."

In this drill, a target of spars laid parallel to the water, and in all, 60 feet in length, will be used. From this will rise miniature masts, ten feet high, rigged with canvas. The vessel will steam by this mark at a range of about 2,000 yards, and, going at no less than eight knots, will fire each one of the guns of her batteries in turn at the mark, bringing them all to bear during her run of perhaps a mile past the targets. Actual hits only will be counted in this trial, and the ship's fighting efficiency will be rated by the percentage of hits out of total shots fired.

According to information at hand at the navy department the navies of the world are giving a great amount of attention to practice of target practice, and many schemes are being evolved on foreign navies to make conditions in gunnery practice conform as closely as possible to those of an actual combat at sea.

NATIONAL GUARDS.

Allotment of \$1,000,000 Made to the Militia of the Several States and Territories.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The secretary of war made the allotment of \$1,000,000 to the militia of the several states and territories and District of Columbia. This was the amount appropriated and was distributed among the various states in accordance with their representation in congress. The amount allotted to the territories and District of Columbia is placed in the discretion of the secretary, and the amount allotted is based upon the militia organization each maintains. The secretary, in his circular, calls attention to the necessity of the different states making certificates of militia organizations before the money will be available.

TRANSPORT SUMNER.

The Vessel Will Sail September 12 With School Teachers Destined For the Philippines.

Washington, Aug. 28.—It has been determined at the war department to send the transport Sumner from San Francisco on September 12 with the school teachers destined for the Philippines and such other passengers as may be connected with the civil insular government. It is probable that the Sumner will then remain in the islands. The transport Buford will sail from Manila September 5 with troops to be stationed at military posts in the east. She will come by way of the Suez to New York.

PROMISE BROKEN.

Sultan of Turkey Failed to Keep His Word With France and the Situation Is Critical.

Paris, Aug. 28.—The sultan has failed to fulfill his promise to M. Constans, the French ambassador at Constantinople, and the situation is more critical than ever.

The foreign office here says Constans left Constantinople under orders when it was found that the sultan was not giving satisfaction, and that the charge d'affaires will not continue negotiations, but will simply await the sultan's decision.

The Postmasters' Convention. Washington Aug. 28.—The postmaster general has issued a general order granting ten days' leave of absence to all postmasters of the first class who may desire to attend the postmasters' convention, to be held in Atlantic City from September 24 to 27.

Snow in England.

London, Aug. 28.—Storms of wind and rain have swept over the United Kingdom, injuring the crops. The stormy weather was accompanied by November temperature. Snow fell at Birmingham.

A Cyclone in Austria.

Vienna, Aug. 28.—A cyclone, attended with heavy damage to shipping and loss of life, passed over Fiume Tuesday. Eighteen coasting vessels, which were anchored in the harbor, were sunk and 26 persons drowned.

Lady Smith Drowned.

London, Aug. 28.—Lady Smith, wife of Sir Archibald Levin Smith, master of the rolls since 1900, was found dead Tuesday floating in the River Spey. It is not known how she was drowned.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

A Board of Arbitration of Prominent Men Is Proposed.

The Decision of the Majority of the Arbitrators Shall Be Final and Binding on All the Parties Concerned.

Pittsburg, Aug. 29.—Another arbitration scheme was launched Wednesday evening by Simon Burns, president of the Window Glass Workers' association. Mr. Burns proposes an arbitration committee selected from among such men as Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Potter, Seth Low, and others of like prominence. Their decision is to be final and accepted by both parties.

Mr. Burns says that if the corporation will agree to the plan the strike will be declared off at once.

The steel people will not discuss the matter.

Mr. Burns submits the following as a basis for arbitration:

"First—That President Shaffer and President Schwab, representing both sides, shall sign an agreement to arbitrate, and that the decision of a majority of a board of arbitration shall be final and binding to all parties connected with both organizations.

"Second—That immediately upon both sides agreeing to arbitrate President Shaffer and the officials of his organization shall promptly call off the strike and order all men to return to work; that they must all accept the decision rendered.

"Third—That all workers who ceased work on order of President Shaffer or the officials of the organization shall be allowed to return to work in their respective places and without prejudice or discrimination.

"Fourth—That the arbitration board shall consist of three members, each party to select one, the third to be selected by the two named.

"Fifth—That each side shall publicly announce the name of the man selected within 24 hours after signing the agreement; that the board shall organize within five days thereafter and render a decision in writing signed by at least two members within at least 15 days.

"Sixth—That all testimony shall be taken under oath and the board shall have full authority to summon any person connected with either side, and shall have access to examine any record, paper or document in connection with the same, and shall also have the right to hear any person not connected with either side.

"Seventh—That each organization shall have the right to select two representatives to attend the meetings of the board and cross-examine witnesses.

"Eighth—That if at any time during the blast or year there is any dispute about the interpretation or intent of the board's decision, and if the proper officers of the organization can not peacefully decide and settle it, it shall then be referred to the chairman of the board of arbitration, and his decision shall be recognized by both sides."

The plan was submitted to President Shaffer and he approves it.

New York, Aug. 29.—It can be announced on official authority that the offer made by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated association, outlined Wednesday, by which he hopes to end the strike, will not be considered by either Mr. Morgan or the officials of the company.

A STRIKE DECLARED.

The Union Men in Four of the Cotton Mills at Columbia, S. C., Go Out.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 29.—Textile Union No. 211, at its meeting Wednesday night, declared a strike in the Olympia, Granby, Richland and Capital City mills until the authorities rescind their action forcing operatives to abjure the unions. The union's strength will be tested Thursday when the mills open for work.

Conservative estimates place the number of strikers at 900 or 1,000. It is expected that this number will be considerably augmented during the next week.

MORE LAURELS.

Steamer Deutschland Broke All Previous Records Between Cherbourg and New York.

New York, Aug. 29.—The record breaking liner Deutschland, which left Hamburg August 23 and Southampton and Cherbourg 23, arrived at Sandy Hook lightship at 1:20 Thursday morning and it is probable that she will come into port with more laurels to add to those already gained, for it is likely she has broken all previous records for the passage between Cherbourg and New York. The present record of 5 days 12 hours and 29 minutes was made by the Deutschland on September 1, 1900.

Engine Wrecks Plant.

Janesville, Wis., Aug. 26.—A North-western railway engine and boxcar jumped the track and plunged through the Janesville canning factory plant, and the building, just finished at a cost of \$150,000, is now in ruins.

Wants a Receiver.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Melvin E. Richardson, president of the National Automatic Telephone Co., and one of the creditors of the concern, asked the circuit court to appoint a receiver for the company.

DOWAGER EMPRESS' WILL.

Her Six Children Receive a Million Marks Each—The Youngest Gets Frederickshof Castle.

Homburg, Aug. 29.—The will of the late Dowager Empress Frederick was opened without special ceremony Wednesday.

Her fortune totals 11,000,000 marks. Her six children receive a million each. The youngest, Princess Margaret of Hesse (wife of Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse), also gets Frederickshof castle, on which the dowager empress spent the whole of 3,000,000 marks, bequest which she received from the late Countess Galliera.

The dowager empress destroyed only her most private papers. The remainder were deposited in the Frederickshof library. The fortune of the dowager empress included nothing from the late Queen Victoria, the dowager empress having renounced all claims on her mother's estate.

TERRIBLE CHARGE.

Two Women Who Are Suspected of Causing the Death of Three Children in Jail.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 29.—Elsie and Julia McFalls, two women residing near Knoxville, are in jail charged with having caused the deaths of three children. Bessie, the 18-months-old child of Julia McFalls, died August 15. Charley, aged 1 year, died August 20, and Annie, aged 2, died August 23. The two last named were the children of Elsie. All died in terrible agony and no physician was summoned in any of the three cases. A 6-year-old child of Elsie is also reported dying.

The mothers deny that they poisoned the children. The bodies will be exhumed and examinations made. It is alleged that the two mothers dissolved the heads of matches in water and forced the children to drink the poison.

TRANSPORT HANCOCK.

The Vessel Brought From Manila 838 Men and 27 Officers of the Fourth Cavalry.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—The transport Hancock arrived from Manila Thursday. Among the passengers on the Hancock was Congressman Hull, of Iowa, his wife and daughter; Col. A. S. Burt, of the 25th infantry, and Col. Alexander Moore, retired.

The Hancock also brought 838 men and 27 officers of the 4th cavalry, under command of Col. C. C. Carr, 117 discharged soldiers and seven prisoners. Fred Massicot, a private in Troop F, 4th cavalry, died on the voyage and was buried at sea.

THE STATE MILITIA.

The States That Will Share in the Appropriation and the Amounts Received.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Of the militia appropriation the following states receive the amounts set opposite their names.

Alabama, \$23,366; Arkansas, \$16,993; Florida, \$8,496; Georgia, \$27,614; Indiana, \$31,862; Kentucky, \$27,614; Louisiana, \$16,993; Mississippi, \$19,117; North Carolina, \$23,366; Ohio, \$48,556; South Carolina, \$19,117; Tennessee, \$25,490; Texas, \$31,802; Virginia, \$25,490; West Virginia, \$12,745; New Mexico, \$516; Oklahoma, \$7,072; Porto Rico, \$10,000; Hawaii, \$5,000.

A THREE-CORNERED DUEL.

One Man Was Killed and Two Mortally Wounded Near Furman, Ala.

Selma, Ala., Aug. 29.—One man lying dead in the road and two more mortally wounded close by his side was the result of a three-cornered duel that took place between three Negro men near Furman Wednesday. They got into a dispute over 25 cents. Each pulled his pistol and began shooting. About 12 shots were fired and when the smoke cleared away one of the Negroes lay dead in the road with six bullets in his body and the other two were near him mortally wounded.

Mayor Fleischmann Arrested.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Unless Mayor Julius Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, can explain how it was he came in possession of a number of brook trout, why he assaulted one Everett De Silva, and why it was that he was fishing on private property in the wilds of Delaware county, it is likely to go hard with him, for of all these things, it is alleged, he is guilty. He was arrested.

A Big Contract.

St. Louis, Aug. 29.—A contract for the construction of 225 miles of the Arkansas & Choctaw line from Arkinda to the Red river was awarded Wednesday to Johnson Brothers & Paugh. The work will be completed within a year. Two million dollars is involved in the contract.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Wednesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balances, \$176,824,699; gold, \$105,530,508.

Brigham Young's First Wife Dead.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Zina D. H. Young died Wednesday, aged 80 years. She was married to Joseph Smith at Nauvoo, Ill., and after his death became the wife of President Brigham Young.

EMPHATIC WARNING.

A Hot Message Sent to President Castro, of Venezuela.

The Document Forcefully Suggests to Castro That He Should Be Extremely Careful in What He Is Doing.

Washington, Aug. 28.—As a result of the conference between the president and Secretary of State Hay in Canton last week an emphatic warning has been delivered to President Castro, of Venezuela, who has been informed in very plain language that no matter what may be the result of the war with Colombia, the United States does not propose to have transit interrupted on the isthmus for a single moment; and, while equally indifferent as to the outcome of the war, it will not change the present status of the Panama canal. This is not in the nature of an ultimatum, because there is no necessity of the delivery of an ultimatum; but it is a forcible suggestion to Castro that he should be extremely careful what he is doing, and the manner in which the warning was conveyed and the language employed, must leave no doubt in his mind that the United States is earnest, and does not mean to have its authority defied in the slightest.

To show that the United States intends to enforce its mandates and has the means necessary to do so, three vessels of war have already been sent to South American waters, and the entire North Atlantic squadron is at anchor in Hampton Roads, ready to sail at a moment's notice. Part of the entire squadron will be sent south if the occasion demands it. There are also vessels on the Pacific coast ready for service if their presence should be needed.

There is no danger of war or that we should be forced into taking a hand in the hostilities, but there is a determination on the part of the administration to make such an overpowering display of force, if necessary, that Castro and every one else will understand, to quote Mr. Olney's celebrated dispatch, "That the United States on this continent is supreme," that that fact must be respected. State department credits Castro with the responsibility for the present trouble. Castro is the moving spirit, and his purpose is evidently to gain control of the Panama canal in the belief that the United States will not build the Nicaragua canal because of complications with England, but will purchase the Panama canal and complete it, and in that operation he sees an opportunity to make a fortune. It is for his benefit that the resources of diplomacy and the navy have been employed.

RESISTED ARREST.

George McLeod, Wanted on Criminal Charges, Killed By a Sheriff's Posse.

Elba, Ala., Aug. 28.—George McLeod, a Negro wanted in Henry county on two criminal charges, was killed here Tuesday afternoon by a sheriff's posse. Sheriff Knight, accompanied by two deputies, and John Cole, a Negro, who had located McLeod, went to arrest him. McLeod ran out of his house with a pistol and a Winchester and shot the Negro, Cole, who will probably die. A large posse was organized and bloodhounds being secured, McLeod was soon located a mile from town in a mill pond, up to his neck in water. As he was raising his Winchester to fire on the posse, several shots were fired at his head, killing him instantly.

BIG OIL CONTRACT.

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Road Will Take 9,000,000 Barrels in the Next Year.

Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 28.—What is perhaps the biggest contract ever made for Beaumont fuel oil was closed Tuesday between the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad and a fuel company of this city. Under the contract the Santa Fe railroad agrees to take from the fuel company a minimum of 9,000,000 barrels of oil during the next 12 months. The price is not stated.

Transport Grant Leaves Manila.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Acting Adj. Gen. Ward has received a cable message from Gen. Chaffee, at Manila, saying that the transport Grant sailed on the 25th instant for San Francisco with Troop B, 4th cavalry, and the 12th and 13th batteries, field artillery.

The Vice President Coming West.

New York, Aug. 28.—Vice President Roosevelt will begin his western trip Thursday afternoon. He is due in Chicago Friday morning, and is scheduled to leave 35 minutes later for Springfield, Ill., there to be the guest of Gov. Yates, and review the militia in the state camp.

Sidewalk Collapsed.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—By the collapse of a sidewalk crowded with men, women and children, who were watching a fire in Erie street Tuesday night, about a score of people were bruised and trampled upon in a wild scramble to get out of danger.

Sale of Town Lots Closed.

Anadarko, O. T., Aug. 28.—The sale of town lots in the town of Anadarko closed Tuesday. The whole number of lots sold was 1,125, and the total amount realized was over \$185,000.

BOILER EXPLODED.

Eleven Persons Were Killed and a Score Injured on the Steamboat City of Trenton.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—While the steamboat City of Trenton, of the Wilmington Steamboat Co., was on her way from this city to Trenton, N. J., Wednesday afternoon her port boiler exploded, killing 11 persons and injuring over a score of others. Four passengers are missing, but as many sustained slight injuries, it is thought the missing may be among those who did not find it necessary to go to the hospital.

After the explosion the boat took fire and ran aground. She lies, a wrecked and blackened hulk, in the marshes opposite Torresdale. Her hold is filled with water, and it is feared more of her passengers and crew may be found in the bottom of the boat when the water is pumped out.

The City of Trenton left the company's wharf at 1:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Her passenger list was lighter than usual, and she carried very little freight. Nothing of moment occurred until the boat reached Torresdale. The steam pipe connecting with the port boiler burst with a loud report. The forward portion of the upper deck was well filled with passengers, while many others were in the cabin. Before any of the passengers or employees had an opportunity of seeking places of safety another explosion occurred, and this time the port boiler was rent in twain.

Scalding steam and water poured into the cabin and sections of the wood work of the boat were torn away by the force of the explosion. Those of the passengers who were not seamed and scarred by the scalding steam and boiling water were struck by the flying portion of the splintered cabin. Legs and arms were broken and faces and bodies were parboiled. The screams of the injured could be heard on shore, and the cries of those who leaped and were blown into the river were heart-rending.

So great was the force of the explosion that a piano in the upper drawing room was hurled many feet away from the boat into the river. This proved a fortunate circumstance for many of the injured passengers. Thrown into the water, scalded and otherwise injured, so that they were rendered helpless, they clung to the piano, which had fallen into shallow water, until rescued.

When the explosion occurred Mate Vanderveer and Pilot Curry were in the pilot house. Both were hurled with terrific force from the little enclosure, and the wheel on the starboard side refused to work, while that on the port side, for some unaccountable reason, began revolving with lightning-like rapidity. As a result of this the rudder turned the bow of the boat towards shore, and she quickly ran aground, fastening herself in the mud.

By this time the vessel had caught fire, and those of the passengers who were still aboard were compelled to leap for their lives. Fortunately the water was not more than four feet deep, and many of the victims of the disaster were able to wade ashore. Some, however, who were too seriously injured to help themselves, were rescued by members of the boat clubs whose houses line the river front at this point.

WOLVERINE SUGAR CO.

A Lack of Enough Beets in the Local Fields Caused Its Failure—Suits Begun.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Aug. 29.—Failure of the Wolverine Sugar Co. was announced Wednesday night and suits begun for \$107,100 on notes outstanding and for \$125,000 on bonds held by the Chicago Trust Co. During the last two years the operators have failed to secure enough beets in the local fields to run the factory. As a last resort the owners went to Shelby, Ind., where they contracted for 4,000 acres of beets for this season's run. The factory complete cost \$320,000.

FILIPINO APPOINTED.

Jose Abren Receives a Position in the War Department at the Hands of the President.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The president has appointed Jose Abren, a Filipino, an assistant in the office of the division of insular affairs in the war department. Mr. Abren came to this country about a year ago, and after taking a course at the Columbian Law school in Washington took the summer course at Cornell university. He will be given charge of work relating to the Philippines in the division over which Col. Edwards presides.

Ex-Secretary Morton Buys a Paper.

Nebraska City, Neb., Aug. 29.—The Daily Tribune has been sold to the Morton Printing Co. of which J. Sterling Morton, ex-secretary of agriculture, is the head. The Tribune will be edited by him.

Will Raise Plow Prices.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Plow manufacturers of the United States, a large number of whom have been in conference at the Auditorium, have decided upon an advance of ten per cent. in the price of plows and all plow repairs during the coming year.

Koch to Test His Theory.

Paris, Aug. 29.—Dr. Koch has announced that he will inoculate Dr. Grannault with bovine tuberculosis to test the theory that human and bovine tuberculosis have nothing to do with each other.